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LOVELAND RESIDENT ADMITS FILING FALSE INCOME TAX RETURN

CINCINNATI -- Mitchell R. Graham, a resident of Loveland, Ohio, pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of assisting in the preparation of a false federal income tax return for another individual.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Jose Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, announced the plea entered today before Chief United States District Judge Sandra S. Beckwith.

In a statement of facts filed with the plea, Graham, age 47, admitted that he prepared a false United States Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return on behalf of a fictitious entity in order to conceal an individual taxpayer's true taxable income from the government. Graham's illegal conduct caused a tax loss of between \$200,000 and \$350,000.

Graham faces a maximum punishment of up to three (3) years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Judge Beckwith will set a date for sentencing.

Graham's father, William Moss Graham, pleaded guilty on April 1, 2008 to conspiring to assist in the preparation of false federal income tax returns for his role in the promotion of an illegal tax shelter system.

Lockhart commended the investigation by Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation agents, and James T. Strawley, Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice Tax Division, who prosecuted the case.

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